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Water Operator Reimbursement Grant Fact Sheet

NEBRASKA SMALL SYSTEM WATER OPERATOR REIMBURSEMENT GRANT FACT SHEET

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Eligible Systems: All CWS and NTNC PWS(s) that serve 3,300 customers or less

Eligible Activities for Reimbursement; activities on or after January 1, 2002

A. Grades II, III, and IV Water Operator Certification Training Courses including the Grade IV Correspondence Course (the exam fee is included with registration)

1. Registration and Certification Fees
2. Textbooks
3. Reasonable mileage to and from training course at the personal vehicle mileage rate established by State of Nebraska guidelines. This is defined as the most direct route to and from a training event (typically map mileage) and a reasonable allowance for local travel depending on circumstances.
4. Limited to one course and one exam and, if needed, one exam retake per calendar year.

B. Individual Grades II, III and IV Water Operator Exams

1. Exam and Certification Fee
2. Reasonable mileage to and from nearest Field Office (Lincoln, Omaha, Norfolk, Grand Island and North Platte) at the personal vehicle mileage rate established by State of Nebraska guidelines.
3. Limited to one exam and, if needed, one exam retake per calendar year.

C. Conferences / Seminars / Workshops for Certification Renewal Purposes

1. Training Sessions must be approved by HHSS-R&L for Continuing Education Credit for Grades I – IV Water Operators and deal **predominately with** Water Operator Training.
2. Training Sessions must be conducted within the State of Nebraska.
3. Eligible applicants will be reimbursed for up to 15 hours of continuing education during each 3-year renewal period, or for additional hours at the discretion of the PWSS program.
4. Reasonable mileage to and from the training event at the personal vehicle mileage rate established by State of Nebraska guidelines.

D. Volunteer Operators – Operators who receive no form of compensation for serving as a system's operator.

1. Eligible for reimbursement for all of the above activities under the same criteria.
2. Eligible for reimbursement for per-diem expenses up to \$101.00 per day according to State of Nebraska guidelines. Receipts for meals and lodging are required to be submitted with the application.

E. Grades I, II, III, and IV Water Operator Certification Renewal

1. Renewal application fee.

INELIGIBLE TRAINING ACTIVITIES – Under the Grant Guidelines, the following activities are **NOT** eligible for reimbursement.

- A. Grade 1 Water Operator Certification Training Course and Exams
- B. Training conducted outside of the State of Nebraska
- C. **Training dealing PREDOMINATELY with wastewater, backflow (Grade 6) or well driller continuing education credits.**
- D. Grade 5 Water Operator Certification Course and Certification fees
- E. Grade 6 Water Operator Certification Course, exams, renewal application fee, or continuing education courses
- F. More than one operator certification training course per calendar year, and more than two certification examinations per calendar year.
- G. Late renewal payment fee